Visit of US Defence Secretary

1747. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld arrived suddenly in India on 8th February 2004;

(b)if so, what was the agenda of his visit; and

(c)the outcome of his visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Indo-Pak Composite Dialogue

†1748. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether during Indo-Pak Secretary level talks on composite dialogue held on 27-28 December, 2004 in Delhi had discussed the progress made and reviews carried out so far;

(b)if so, the details thereof; and

(c)the programme formulated to continue this talk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Foreign Secretary Level talks between India and Pakistan were held on December 27-28, 2004 in Islamabad. The following decisions were taken, *inter alia,* during the meeting:

Building upon the existing contacts between DGMOs, it was agreed to promote regular contacts at local level at designated places and to explore further CBMs along the international boundary and the LoC.

The differences on the draft agreement on pre-notification of flight testing of ballistic missilies were discussed, narrowed further and it was agreed to work towards its early finalization.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.